Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Expo 2016
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EXHIBITOR BULLETIN
YOUR SOURCE FOR HPBExpo 2016 NEWS AND INFORMATION.

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SEPTEMBER 1 OPENING – UPDATE YOUR DATA

Exhibitors and attendees will be able to register for badges and book hotel rooms online at www.hpbexpo.com beginning **September 1**, 2015.

When attendees visit the Expo website to pre-register for badges and book housing, they will also be viewing the online floor plan and exhibitor list that includes each exhibitor's digital booth. If you have not yet updated your digital booth with current contact data, products, brands, logos, pictures, press releases, and more, you will miss out on this great (& FREE) exposure.

Go to: http://bit.ly/16hpbexlogin (**this URL is case sensitive**) to select your company's name, enter your password, and begin updating. Your password is your 6-digit company ID number that can be located on your exhibit space contract, on your exhibit space invoice, or by contacting show management. This number can also be used to register for badges.

Select data will also be printed in the official HPBExpo *Show Guide*. Changes made after January 20* will appear online, but not in the printed *Show Guide*.

Please forward the enclosed instructions to the appropriate person in your company, if necessary.



Exhibitors are urged to update online profiles before attendee registration opens on September 1!

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NEW: HPBA All Barbecue Conference

ALL BBQ CONFERENCE CANCELLED

Join HPBA in Kansas City, October 1-2, 2015 for the All Barbecue Conference exclusively for barbecue manufacturers.

Enjoy hearing experts address market trends that will affect the industry and more including an economic outlook, weather's impact on managing your inventory, what retailers want from you, inspiring culinary adventures, consumer studies and insights, developing and using data media and insights, tactics for sales, the latest in marketing and branding barbecue companies. You'll also get to hear from the 2014 Barbecue Hall of Fame member, Ray Lampe (aka Dr. BBQ).

Any barbecue appliance, accessory, or related food product manufacturer is welcome to participate as a sponsor. See the enclosed flyer for sponsorship details. Contact Audrey Caldwell at acaldwell@hpba.org with questions.

Space is growing quickly so don't delay. Booth sales end **Sept. 1** and conference early bird registration prices end **Sept. 17**. This event is the perfect lead into the world famous American Royal World Series of Barbecue that begins on Oct. 3.

HPBExpo 2016 BADGES

Online Badge Registration will open on September 1 at www.hpbexpo.com.

Exhibitors can sign on to the HPBExpo Registration Dashboard with their 6-digit member ID/company ID to begin the registration process (use the 6-digit digital booth password).

All exhibit personnel that will be present at the Expo will need to register for a badge to enter the show floor.

Exhibitors will be eligible to register for two (2) complimentary badges for every 10x10 booth, for example, a 20x20 booth will allow for 8 badges at no fee.

HPBA member companies will have an additional complimentary allotment for their membership status (number differs depending on level of membership).

Additional badges, over and above any complimentary allotments, may be purchased for $75/badge. Members are eligible for a discounted rate of $50/badge through March 14.

Remember, the exhibitor badge allotment is for booth personnel only. Customers need to register for badges as an attendee with their own company name.

HPBExpo 2016 HOUSING

HPBExpo 2016 Headquarters Hotel:

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside, located by the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center will be the HPBExpo 2016 headquarters hotel.

The official housing block for HPBExpo 2016 will open online on September 1 at www.hpbexpo.com. Be sure to book through our website with onPeak for guaranteed reservations. A map and list of our contracted hotels are enclosed for your review.

A total of 13 hotels will be available in the HPBExpo block, providing a wide variety of options. Shuttle service will be provided for 6 of the hotels (all others are within walking distance). See insert for a complete details.

Sleeping/hospitality suites as well as meeting/function room space will be available in select hotels.

Contact Nicole Ficarra – ficarra@hpba.org, (703)522-0086, ext. 143, for further information regarding securing a suite or meeting space in New Orleans.

Exhibitors that reserve housing through onPeak will receive 5 additional Priority Points for 2017 booth selection. Receive another 10 Priority Points for 2017 if 50 or more room nights are booked*.

*Reservations must be made prior to January 8, 2016 for priority point bonus.

HPBExpo 2016 TRAVEL INFO

Airport:
Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
www.flymsy.com

Airport Shuttle Service:
$20/person one way or $38/person round-trip; call 1-866-896-2699 or (504)522-3500 for reservations

Local Transit:
RTA, www.norta.com

Airport Public Transit:
Airport-Downtown Express (E-2) $2
www.jeffersontransit.org

Car Rental:
Hertz Rental (800) 654-2240 in US/Canada (405) 749-4434 all other areas Available 24/7; advise agent of reference CV# 048B0008 for HPBExpo 2016.

Wheelchair & Scooter Rental:
Available for rent through convention center UPS Store in Lobby F. View further information and reservation forms at bit.ly/1ho8fTy.

Parking:
Convention Center Parking available for a daily fee. View options at bit.ly/1gjo9xF.

EXHIBITOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each exhibitor at HPBExpo 2016 is required to maintain insurance, naming HPBA and the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center as additional insureds, in the following amounts:

Employer's Liability: $100,000

Bodily Injury: $1,000,000

Property Damage: $100,000

Worker's Compensation, including Employer's Liability: $100,000

On or before February 15, 2016, exhibitors shall provide show management with the certificate of insurance evidencing the foregoing coverage. Certificates can be sent electronically to Exhibits Manager, Amy Jackson – amyjackson@hpba.org

BOOTH LIMITATIONS – KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

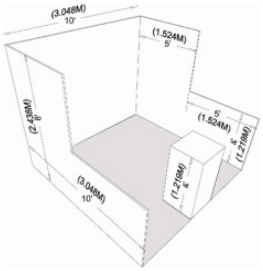
As you begin to design your booth for HPBExpo 2016, it is important to keep in mind regulations for your booth type. Knowing what is allowed now can prevent costly modifications required onsite. Here we outline some basic height restrictions for different booth types.

Standard Booth: Example: 10x10, 10x30; adjacent exhibitors on sides and/or back separated by drape. Maximum height limit is 8 ft., 3 in. Anything over 4 ft. in height, placed within 10 lineal feet of an adjoining exhibit must be placed at least 5 ft. from the aisle line (the back half of the booth).

Island Booth: Booth with aisles on all four sides, no adjacent exhibitors within 10 feet. Maximum height limit is 20 ft. All exhibits over 12 ft. must have drawings available for inspection.

Hanging Signs: Permitted for **island booths only**. Maximum height limit is 20 ft. Signs must be set back at least 25% of booth's dimension from the back line of booth. Length must not exceed 50% of the corresponding booth dimension. Not available in all locations.

Canopies & Ceilings: Limited to 12 ft. in depth and cannot be used for identification or display purposes. Support structure limited to 3 in. in width when placed within 10 ft. of adjoining exhibit.



Example of a Standard Booth

EXHIBITOR SERVICE MANUAL TO GO LIVE THIS FALL

The HPBExpo 2016 Exhibitor Service Manual will be available online at www.hpbexpo.com in October.

The Exhibitor Service Manual, provided by Freeman Online, will contain important details and order forms for booth products and services such as displays, signage, furnishings, carpet, electric, internet, lead retrieval and more.

It's important to place orders by using forms (printable or electronic) that are supplied in the Service Manual.

Keep in mind that carpet, furniture, and similar items ordered through other vendors will incur a **material handling fee** from our official general contractor, Freeman.

If you have a question about any order forms that you receive, don't hesitate to contact show management to verify legitimacy.

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STUDY RESULTS REVEAL EXHIBITIONS PERFORM BEST

DALLAS, 27 July 2015 – The Center for Exhibition Industry Research (CEIR) announces a new, landmark study which provides an in-depth look at how exhibitors evaluate the outcome of participating in business-to-business exhibitions.

The study provides benchmark data on the most typical practices of exhibitors. It was found that exhibitions deliver where it counts – they provide a platform to achieve multiple, important objectives in a compressed time and cost-effective setting.

Several key findings from the study reveal:

- The most popular way exhibitors evaluate exhibiting is using one or more intermediate, performance metrics, which track activities that precede a transaction, with 86% of exhibitors mentioning using one or more of these metrics.
- By far, the top ranked objective for most exhibitors is to generate leads, with 68% of exhibitors ranking it as one of their top three objectives in terms of importance. The study reveals that the most popular intermediate performance metrics relate to leads, with 60% or more for each lead metric. 60% of performance metric users say **exhibitions** perform **best** on lead metrics.
- ROI metrics are used by 62% of exhibitors, with the most popular metric relating to sales revenue (45%) or sales potential (43%) to cost of exhibiting. Six out of 10 ROI metric users say **exhibitions** perform **best** on sales revenue metrics.

HPBExpo SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Make the most of your time, efforts and energies at HPBExpo and take your brand recognition to a higher level by becoming an HPBExpo 2016 sponsor or *Show Guide* advertiser!

All of the details for opportunities will soon be posted online at www.hpbexpo.com under the Exhibitors tab.

For more information, please contact our sales team:

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Exhibitor E-Vites Coming in December!

Don't miss the opportunity to send out our free electronic invitations to your customers! More details coming in December.

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Update Data for Online Floor Plan and Exhibitor List

Exhibitors must update this data in order for it to appear in the online floor plan and exhibitor listing.
Data will also be used for the printed HPBExpo 2016 *Show Guide*.

On any page in which you need assistance click on this icon: 

Login at **http://bit.ly/16hpbexlogin** (this URL is case-sensitive)
Select your company name from the list. Enter your assigned password in the box provided. Click "Login" to access your digital booth editor. If you have problems logging in, contact Amy Jackson, Exhibits Manager, **amyjackson@hpba.org** or (703)522-0086, ext. 125.

View Booth
Click on View Booth to be shown how your listing appears within the online interactive floor plan.

Visitor Report
The Digital Booth Visitor Report displays two columns of data pertaining to visits to your digital booth. The first column is the date and time of the visit. The second column is the IP address the visitor came from. A visit is recorded when a person enters your digital booth. Every entry in the report represents one entry into the digital booth—clicking links within the digital booth is not recorded.

SECTIONS FOR EXHIBITORS TO COMPLETE AND/OR UPDATE

Business Card
The business card data appears at the top of your digital booth. It is meant to be your corporate information and not necessarily information for a specific person in the company. Simply fill out all the fields that you want attendees to see and **click 'Save.'**

(Product) Categories
Check off the product categories you want to be listed in. **Be sure to click "Save" when you are done to save your selections.** Attendees will be able to search the categories to find companies providing the products/services they need. You may review your selection in the 'Selected Categories' area.

Company Profile
Your company profile (description) is limited to 100 words.

Product Showcase
The product showcase allows you to display your product(s) to the attendees of the event through your digital booth. Complete the form, providing as much information and content as possible.

Media Center
This screen allows you to upload files to display in your digital booth. Be sure to upload web-ready images to display in the digital booth. A web-ready image must be a low resolution (72dpi) GIF, JPG or PNG file saved using RGB color mode. When you are finished uploading files, **be sure to click "Save" to save all the data you entered.**

Brands List
Enter a brand and click the "Add" button to create your list.

Special Events
If you are running any special events during the show, you can announce them in your digital booth. Enter the details for your special event(s). If you do not have any special events to announce, just leave these fields blank.

Company Contacts
The contact information entered here will appear in your digital booth. This should be the individual attendees can contact to setup appointments during the event, or to request information about products and services.

Press Releases
Enter the details for your press release. Upload your press release file as a PDF. Attendees will be able to download/view the PDF file from your digital booth.

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Attention Exhibit Contact:

If you are not responsible for badge registration or hotel reservations, please give this information to the appropriate person in your company.

BADGES

All exhibit booth personnel must register for a badge in order to enter indoor/outdoor exhibits or attend education. Education options are available for selection through the online registration process.

The booth reservation process does not register individuals for badges. To register exhibit staff for badges, go to http://www.hpbexpo.com and click on:

REGISTER NOW

Exhibitors must enter a six-digit Member ID / Company ID to access the registration Dashboard.

The exhibitor's badge allotment can be used only for that exhibitor's employees and family – customers must be registered as attendees under their own company name.

BADGE ALLOTMENT

HPBA Member **and** Non-Member exhibitors receive 2 complimentary badges for every 100 sq. ft. of booth space purchased. HPBA Member exhibitors receive an additional number of COMP badges based on their level of membership.

BADGES	PRICE BEFORE 3/14/16	PRICE AFTER 3/14/16
Booth/Member Comp Badges	Free	Free
Additional Member Badges over Comp Allotment	$50 each	$75 each
Additional Non-Member badges over Comp Allotment	$75 each	$75 each

HOUSING RESERVATIONS

We've negotiated travel discounts and secured a limited number of reduced-rate hotel rooms to make your trip to New Orleans more affordable. Through the travel experts at onPeak, rooms at the group rate are limited and available on a first come, first-served basis. Book early for best selection and price at http://www.hpbexpo.com.

Best Rate Pledge
We comparison shop to ensure our rates remain the lowest.

Pay Delay
Ease your commitment — book now, pay later.

Avoid Booking Fees
Escape from booking, change and cancellation fees.

Deep Discounts
Buy-in-bulk hotel rates, with savings passed on to you.

Support the Show
Commissions normally paid to travel sites go to the association, lowering overall costs.

Flexibility
Plans change. Housing lets you make adjustments without penalty.

Need Help?
View our Frequently Asked Questions (bit.ly/1K1X0qK) for more information about housing. To contact onPeak by email, submit our online form (bit.ly/1K1X0qK); or call us at (800) 388 8819.

Beware of Unauthorized Hotel Solicitations
Note that onPeak is the only official housing company associated with our event. While other hotel resellers may contact you offering housing for your trip, they are not endorsed by or affiliated with the show. Beware that entering into financial agreements with non-endorsed companies can have costly consequences.

Official Housing Partner ONPEAK

EXHIBITOR HOUSING BONUS:

Exhibitors that reserve housing through onPeak will receive 5 additional Priority Points for 2017 booth selection. Receive another 10 Priority Points for 2017 if 50 or more room nights are booked*.

**Reservations must be made prior to January 8, 2016 for priority point bonus.*

HPBExpo 2016
Official Hotels

Reservations

Online	Phone
www.onpeak.co/hpbexpo	Domestic: (800) 388 8819 | International: (312) 527-7300

Official Hotels

	Hotel Name	Address & Distance to Convention Center	Nightly Rate
1	Hilton New Orleans Riverside (HQ)*	2 Poydras St - .54 miles	$259
2	Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center	300 Julia St - .30 miles	$234
3	Courtyard by Marriott near French Quarter*	124 St Charles Ave - 1.16 miles	$234
4	Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans*	300 Canal St - .72 miles	$216
5	Embassy Suites Convention Center	315 Julia St - .31 miles	$232
6	Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center	1201 Convention Center Blvd - .12 miles	$195
7	Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center	1001 S. Peters St - .11 miles	$201
8	Hyatt Place New Orleans Convention Center	881 Convention Center Blvd - .08 miles	$260
9	New Orleans Marriott Convention Center	859 Convention Center Blvd - .13 miles	$271
10	New Orleans Marriott*	555 Canal St - .86 miles	$261
11	Sheraton New Orleans Hotel*	500 Canal St - .80 miles	$229 EB** $239
12	Springhill Suites Convention Center	301 St Joseph St - .20 miles	$245
13	Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter*	124 Royal St - 1 mile	$159

Rates are subject to availability and do not include taxes or hotel fees.
**Indicates shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center*
***Early bird rated rooms are limited and are available through 12/31/2015 or until inventory sells out.*

Choice Hotels | Best Rate Pledge | Exceptional Service | Book Now, Pay Later

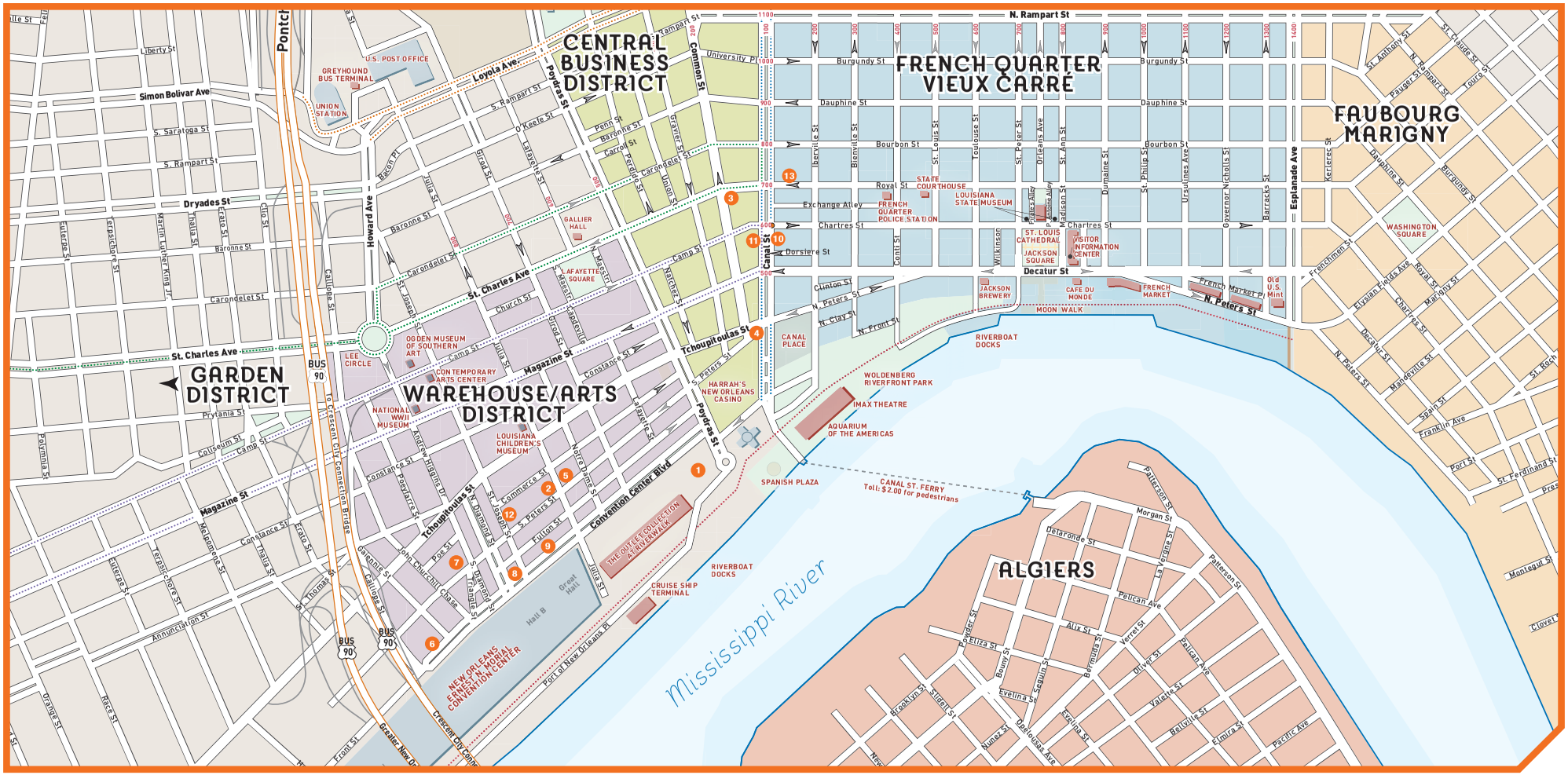
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- 6. Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center - .12 miles/$195
- 7. Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center - .11 miles/$201
- 8. Hyatt Place New Orleans Convention Center - .08 miles/$260
- 9. New Orleans Marriott Convention Center - .13 miles/$271
- 10. New Orleans Marriott - .86 miles/$261
- 11. Sheraton New Orleans Hotel - .80 miles/$239
- 12. Springhill Suites Convention Center - .20 miles/$245
- 13. Wyndham New Orleans-French Quarter - 1 mile/$159

HPBA shuttles will be provided from these locations



HPBExpo 2016
Official Hotels

Hilton New Orleans Riverside (HQ)……..$259/night
2 Poydras St - .54 miles
- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

Stay in the center of it all at Hilton New Orleans Riverside and enjoy a prime downtown location at the base of Canal and Poydras Streets. The riverfront hotel is situated next to Harrah's Casino, steps from famous New Orleans Streetcar lines, a few blocks away from the French Quarter, and on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Select from a variety of spacious guest rooms, many of which feature amazing views of downtown New Orleans or the Mississippi River. Relax in the sun at the hotel's two outdoor swimming pools, open all year long and heated during the winter. Take advantage of a choice of fitness options at the Health Club by Hilton, the largest fitness facility of all New Orleans hotels. Work out in the fully equipped fitness center or enjoy a challenging game of tennis, squash or racquetball on the indoor courts.

Courtyard New Orleans Convention Center by Marriott……$234/night
300 Julia St | .30 Miles to the Convention Center
- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Fitness Center

Discover the best of the Big Easy at the Courtyard Downtown New Orleans Convention Center Hotel. With a convenient location in the historic New Orleans Warehouse District, the hotel is located just two blocks from the convention center and a short walk to the scenic French Quarter.

Inside, experience the reinvented lobby, featuring The Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect., where you can sit and enjoy a full meal with cocktails in the evening, or grab something light to go. Stay connected in the lobby with free Wi-Fi and interactive GoBoard® technology, providing up-to-date news, weather and local information. Known for great entertainment and hospitality, this New Orleans Convention Center hotel helps you make the most of your travel experience.

Courtyard New Orleans Downtown near the French Quarter……..$234/night
124 St Charles Ave | 1.16 Miles to the Convention Center
- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Complimentary Internet Access

From the romantic French Quarter to the never-ending party on Bourbon Street, the Courtyard hotel near the New Orleans French Quarter keeps you perfectly situated to enjoy the best of the Crescent City.

Newly-renovated with a state-of-the-art lobby, this preferred New Orleans French Quarter hotel with smoke-free accommodations is minutes from the National D-Day Museum, Aquarium of the Americas and Harrah's Casino. The exciting new features of this hotel include flexible spaces to work or relax in, free Wi-Fi throughout and easy access to the latest news and airport conditions via our GoBoard.

The highlight of the new lobby experience is The Bistro - Eat. Drink. Connect. Guests will enjoy enhanced food and beverage offerings in the morning and all-new dinner service in the evening. In between meetings and fun, stay in shape in the on-site fitness area. Step out of the same old travel routine when you step inside the Courtyard downtown New Orleans hotel near the French Quarter.

Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans……..$216/night
300 Canal St | .72 Miles to the Convention Center
- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Complimentary Internet Access

Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans is located on historic Canal Street, overlooking the Mississippi river, and near the city's major business and entertainment districts. The Doubletree is across the street from the world famous French Quarter and within walking distance of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Relax in one of the stylish guest rooms or suites. Work at the large desk, stay connected with in-room WiFi access, and enjoy the true taste of DoubleTree hospitality with a signature warm chocolate chip cookie on arrival.

Embassy Suites Convention Center……$232/night

315 Julia St | .31 Miles to the Convention Center

- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Hot Breakfast | Complimentary Evening Reception | Complimentary Fitness Center

Experience a warm welcome as you step into the atrium at the Embassy Suites New Orleans Convention Center hotel. Renovated in March 2014, this friendly hotel offers great hospitality and a superb downtown location in the heart of the city's busy cultural center. The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and Cruise Ship Terminal at the Port of New Orleans are only steps away.

Unwind with a workout in the fitness center or a swim in the outdoor pool. Take advantage of the complimentary evening reception with drinks and light snacks. Enjoy on-site dining at The Levee Bar and Grille or start your day with a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast served in the open-air atrium.

Find everything you need to stay on top of your business commitments from the comfort of the hotel in New Orleans. Corporate facilities, such as the complimentary 24-hour BusinessLink™ Business Center.

Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center……$195/night

1201 Convention Center Blvd | .12 Miles to the Convention Center

- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Hot Breakfast | Complimentary Fitness Center | Business Center

Set across two towers - one a historic warehouse, the other a modern build - the Hampton Inn & Suites New Orleans Convention Center hotel offers unique accommodations in the heart of New Orleans. The hotel is conveniently located across the street from Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and is within walking distance of major New Orleans attractions.

Find everything you expect from a Hampton Inn hotel and a few unexpected delights along the way. The hotel guarantees a comfy stay with complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access, clean and fresh Hampton bed and Hampton's free hot breakfast. Stay connected in the Business Center. Reinvigorate in the Fitness Center and take a dip in the outdoor pool with a beautifully decorated courtyard. Unwind after busy days in the Warehouse Bar, among original historic wood floors and high ceilings with exposed beams.

Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center……$201/night

1001 S. Peters St | .11 Miles to the Convention Center

- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Fitness Center

Immerse yourself in the contemporary comforts of the spacious guest rooms and suites furnished with a king bed or two queen beds, microwave and refrigerator, ergonomic work station, complimentary WiFi and luxurious bath amenities. Take a dip in the refreshing rooftop swimming pool and enjoy a beverage afterwards while gazing at the city skyline. Work up a sweat in the fitness center offering cardio and weight training equipment with personal media selections.

Guests on business can enjoy working away from the office with the 24-hour business center, and complimentary WiFi in all guest areas. Roll away beds are not allowed in rooms with two beds.

Hyatt Place New Orleans Convention Center……$260/night

881 Convention Center Blvd | .08 Miles to the Convention Center

- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Hot Breakfast | Complimentary Fitness Center

Discover a different place, poised at the heart of New Orleans' downtown Arts and Warehouse district, within steps of award-winning restaurants, museums, shopping, art galleries and more. Hyatt Place New Orleans / Convention Center welcomes you to a hotel that fits you, designed around the ever-changing ebb and flow of modern life, where service is thoughtful and every stay made refreshingly seamless and simple.

All guestrooms are appointed with the business traveler in mind and include amenities such as 42 inch flat screen tv, Hyatt Plug Panel, Hyatt Grand Bed, mini-fridge, Cozy Corner sectional sofa, single serve coffee maker, in-room safe and separate work space. Complimentary wifi everywhere and complimentary breakfast are also provided.

New Orleans Marriott……..$261/night

555 Canal St | .86 Miles to the Convention Center

- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Complimentary Fitness Center

Experience a majestic hotel in New Orleans ideally situated in the French Quarter and just steps away from Bourbon Street, the Convention Center and other iconic attractions. The New Orleans Marriott Hotel offers guests a hospitable atmosphere, ideal for business and leisure travelers alike. Unwind in one of 1,329 spacious New Orleans hotel rooms or suites, or stay on the tastefully decorated Concierge level, combining modern decor with pleasing amenities.

Explore a variety of conveniences at this hotel in New Orleans, LA, including a fully equipped fitness center and the award-winning 5 Fifty 5 restaurant, serving savory regional cuisine in an exceptional dining environment. Book your next trip to the Big Easy at Marriott, a superior hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana that combines contemporary amenities with classic Southern hospitality.

New Orleans Marriott Convention Center……..$271/night

859 Convention Center Blvd | .13 Miles to the Convention Center

- Complimentary Fitness Center

Experience the excitement of the Crescent City at the New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center. The riverfront hotel in downtown New Orleans, housed in a renovated 19th century cotton mill, offers over 300 spacious rooms and suites, with lavish extras like plush bathrobes. Break a sweat in the modern fitness center, fuel up at the hotel's Starbucks Coffee, boost your productivity in the business center, and relax in the rooftop swimming pool.

Savor delicious regional Creole cuisine at Wolfe's in the Warehouse, or unwind in the hotel Wine Bar with a cocktail. The hotel also benefits from an excellent location in the vibrant Arts District, near top New Orleans attractions such as the French Quarter, Harrah's Casino, Cruise Port and more.

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel……$229 EB** | $239/night

500 Canal St | .80 Miles to the Convention Center

- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Complimentary Internet Access

Every guest room is a "room with a view" at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. The floor to ceiling windows allow you to experience breathtaking views of either downtown New Orleans or the majestic Mississippi River.

The Sheraton is central to all of the major attractions which make this city so unique. Hotel amenities include 24-hour room service, Roux Bistro, a full-service restaurant, Starbucks in the lobby, complimentary access to a 3,800 sq. ft. Sheraton Core Fitness Center, rooftop pool and sun deck, and complimentary Internet access in the lobby at the Link@Sheraton powered by Microsoft.

***Early bird rated rooms are limited and are available through 12/31/2015 or until inventory sells out.*

Springhill Suites Convention Center……..$245/night

301 St Joseph St - .20 *Miles to the Convention Center*

- Complimentary Internet Access | Complimentary Hot Breakfast | Complimentary Fitness Center

Based in the historic Warehouse/Arts District, just blocks from the French Quarter and New Orleans Riverwalk, the SpringHill Suites New Orleans Downtown hotel is perfectly located for exploring America's most unique and colorful city. The newly renovated New Orleans suites are 25 percent larger than comparably priced hotel rooms, offering unexpected luxuries such as a mini-refrigerator, wet bar and microwave.

Plush bedding with thicker mattresses, cotton-rich linens and piles of pillows make the suites in New Orleans feel like home. Complimentary services at the downtown New Orleans hotel suites include high-speed Internet access, local calls and toll free access. Start the day with a free hot and healthy breakfast buffet. Revive in the fitness center, outdoor pool and whirlpool. Pick up a snack, light meal or beverage at The Market.

Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter…….…… $159/night

124 Royal St | 1 Miles to the Convention Center

- Shuttle service to Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Complimentary Internet Access

Guests of this hotel meet a relaxing getaway when they stay at this smoke-free retreat. Of all of the hotels in New Orleans French Quarter, the New Orleans Wyndham hotel is the only hotel with heated indoor pool, featuring a fitness center, on-site restaurant and lounge, and on-site indoor parking for fee, as well as 374 comfortable deluxe guest accommodations for your full recharge at the end of a long day of historic and cultural sightseeing. The location is also ideal among New Orleans French Quarter hotels, as you are put in the heart of the action, near Tulane University, near Loyola University, near Jackson Square, near Louisiana Superdome, and near New Orleans Aquarium.

The refreshing heated indoor pool at this New Orleans hotel is the only heated indoor pool in the French Quarter. Complete a spa treatment at a neighboring day spa or salon with a soak in this tranquil oasis; or ease tired muscles after a long day of walking the historic streets of this awe-inspiring city. The adjoining fitness center offers the chance to get the blood flowing first thing in the morning, while the sundeck presents yet another opportunity to relax and unwind after taking in New Orleans.